

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**February 20, 2018**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Illinois Eastern Community Colleges**

The Board of Trustees of Illinois Eastern Community College District No. 529 met Tuesday night, February 20th at Olney Central College, Olney, Illinois.

The IECC District's Strategic Plan for 2018-2023 was approved. The Plan includes goals to improve student education experience, expand educational choices and support services, increase student head count and reimbursable hours, improve student life experience, and decrease financial dependence on State reimbursement grants.

The continued uncertainty of the state to fund the community college system has required the District to review current tuition and fees. Trustees approved an increase in tuition of \$5.00 per semester hour bringing the tuition rate from \$83 per semester hour to \$88 per semester hour. The tuition increase is effective Summer Term 2018.

The Board approved 6 affiliation agreements with area health care facilities for the District's Health Informatics Program and the Certified Medical Assistant Program.

In preparation for approval of the catalog, a two year Academic Calendar for 2019-2021 was adopted by the Board.

Board approval was given for revisions to the Student Military Policy to limit tuition charged to veterans using federal veteran benefits to the in-district tuition rate. This revision to the policy reflects current practice.

The board announced their intention to consider the renewal of contracts that run from September 1, 2018 to August 30, 2020 for the CEO, the four college Presidents, and the Dean of Workforce Education. The contracts will be presented for consideration at the March 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and presented for approval at the April 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The Board accepted the Calendar Year 2017 Annual Report of the IECC 403(b) Plan.

In personnel matters, the Board approved the seniority list for faculty for 2017-2018 and for reemployment of Faculty for the 2018-2019 academic year. Approval was given for change in Academic Rank from Instructor to Assistant Professor to 49 faculty members.

Change in status was approved for Kristie Kolb from Office Assistant to Program Support Specialist for the TRIO/SSS Program effective February 21, 2018.

Resignation ratifications were approved for Joshua Lipe, Workforce Education Instructor, and effective February 28, 2018 and for Robin Pearson, Office Assistant at FCC, effective February 9, 2018 and for Laurie Perry, Administrative Assistant at the District Office, effective March 16, 2018.

A retirement ratification was approved for James Tucker, Assistant Professor, Speech at OCC, effective September 1, 2018.

The Faculty Seniority Lists for 2017-2018 were approved for both bargaining unit and non-bargaining unit faculty.

Bargaining Unit and Non Bargaining Unit faculty were employed for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at Wabash Valley College, Mt. Carmel, on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m.